

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/811,192 filed on March 17, 2001. Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 are allowed. Claims 13 and 14 are rejected. Claim 15 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Amendment of Specification

The applicant has amended the Cross-Reference on page 1 of the application to update all reference information.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

Regarding the rejection of Claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Depta, the applicant has amended the claims to include the limitations of claim 15 which is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

New Claims

New Claims 16-18 are added to cover additional aspects of the disclosed system. No new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

The application, including all remaining Claims 1-13 and 16-18, is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

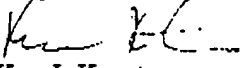
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